

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2-3 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a Divisional of co-pending, co-owned United States patent application no. 09/520,538, filed March 08, 2000, which claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application no. 60/123,659 filed March 08, 1999.

Please replace the Sequence Listing on pages 14 - 27 with the paper copy of the Sequence Listing attached hereto, which paper copy is identical to the paper copy of the last-filed (mailed May 20, 2002) Sequence Listing in parent application No. 09/520,538 (filed March 8, 2000). A letter pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821(e), requesting that the Office use the last-filed (mailed May 20, 2002) computer readable form filed in the above parent application as the computer readable form for the instant application, is being filed concurrently herewith under separate cover.